

Living with paradoxes: victims of sexual violence and their conduct of everyday life

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Abstrak

Karolin Eva Kappler analyses the everyday life of victims of sexual violence, combining the normalcy of their daily life with the overwhelming experience of rape and sexual abuse. Based on a qualitative study, the author detects five patterns which characterize the victims' everyday coping practices and strategies. The grounded analysis of the interview material shows the fragility of the victims' lives, depending on paradoxes which reduce their freedom of choice and which explain the individual and social invisibility of sexual violence